

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 746

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Larry Payne for his many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Larry Payne, who frequently utilizes his talents to build custom cars; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Norwood, Mr. Payne, with the help of his son, David Payne, and his grandson, Austin Payne, is applying his many years of experience and expertise in working on cars to build his rat rod, a car built around the body of a 1931 Ford Tudor, the engine of a 1953 Ford truck, and the front brakes of a 1968 Buick Riviera; the vehicle is also mounted on an air-ride suspension; and

WHEREAS, Larry Payne recently installed the engine, transmission, running gear, and interior of a 2004 Mustang Mach I into a 1969 Mustang Mach I, requiring many hours of difficult modifications to the body and chassis and much custom sheet metal work; and

WHEREAS, his Mustang project was so expertly executed that Ford Motor Company chose to display it at the All-Ford Nationals car show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, fueling his love of speed, Mr. Payne has raced cars at Bristol Motor Speedway and other tracks since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his automotive pursuits, Larry Payne provides his community with comfort as the co-owner of Temperature Control Inc., a heating and air conditioning company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Payne epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding achievements aside, Larry Payne is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Connie Payne; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Payne for his artful automotive accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Larry Payne for his assiduous efforts that bring excitement to the automotive world, as we wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.